

The Zoom Studios completes a spectacular first year



Ahmedabad: The Zoom Studios, original content arm of Zoom today announced the successful completion of its first year and with it sets a new benchmark in storytelling with powerful and real-life narratives aiming a 100% growth over the next year. The Zoom Studios also announced its plans of 6 new originals for FY 19-20, targeting 200% increase in subscriber base.

The first anniversary celebrated the milestone of a whopping 80+ million views, over 1 Million subscriber base and 414.8 million minutes of content viewing of its 4 originals, which is testament of the strong narrative and high performances. The Studios has successfully positioned itself as the favourite content destinations amongst viewers across the country.

Continuing with its promise to offer relatable stories that are brought to life with strong narratives and power packed performances, The Zoom Studios will launch 6 new originals in the coming year, starting with 'Holiday'. The original is a rollercoaster journey of 4 friends and their crazy holiday in Bali. Ascertaining its status as a premium entertainment content company, The Zoom Studios will also expand its content dominance by teaming up with digital platforms to create original shows. (19-8)

Shiv Nadar University Invites Applications for its Undergraduate Programs for 2019

Ahmedabad: Shiv Nadar University in National Capital Region (NCR) one of India's leading comprehensive, research-centric, multidisciplinary university in the private sector, today announced admissions open for all Undergraduate programs for 2019 academic session. Interested applicants can submit their filled-in common application form available at www.snu.edu.in, latest by 15th May, 2019. Admissions will be awarded to eligible candidates on the basis of their Class XII results, their performance in SNUSAT and Academic Proficiency Test (APT). Last date to appear for the entrance tests (SNUSAT and APT) is 20th May 20, 2019.

Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University said, "It is our constant endeavor to provide students with depth of knowledge in their chosen subject and a broad-based understanding of allied disciplines. In the 21st century, subjects studied in silos restrict students' creative freedom, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Being a research university, we emphasize on 'learning by doing' and imparting key skills to our students that will not become obsolete in the future."

In the recently released National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF), which is published by the Government of India, Shiv Nadar University was ranked at 52 in the 'University' category. The University has been selected by the Expert Committee, appointed by MHRD, as an "Institution of Eminence" by the Government of India. (19-10)

Plushvie, an AI-backed jewel-tech startup, raises angel round at \$1mn valuation



Ahmedabad: Artificial Intelligence (AI) startup - 'Plushvie' - has secured an undisclosed amount of funding from a local high net-worth individual (HNI). The angel round, that was in the works since the last few months, has been closed at a US\$1 million valuation for the startup, making Plushvie Gujarat's first startup in the space to have raised an angel round.

The fund will be utilised by the jewelry marketplace startup to capitalise on the traction, expanding the seller network, and scale business development. The startup aims to host more than 10 million products on the marketplace by 2020.

Banking upon the country's preference of gold jewelry, the team of the startup is bullish on its prospects given the AI punch the startup packs. "Not just buying jewelry for investments and special occasions, we also want to help people in celebrating their life's most important moments by making jewelry gifting as easy as possible," said Aagam Shah, Plushvie's Founder and CEO.

"The trend of buying expensive jewelry online is big and growing by the day. The challenge is how confusing the choices can be for the consumer, and we are solving that through artificial intelligence. (19-10)

Mr.C Sreenivas, Chairman of the Sri Sathya Sai Health and Education Trust and Sunil Gavaskar with children registered for surgeries (16)



The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu addressing the officials working in AP Secretariat, in New Delhi on May 01, 2019.

Big cyclonic storm on the coast of Odisha, between Chandbali

New Delhi: Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm 'FANI' over Westcentral Bay of Bengal: Cyclone Alert for Odisha, West Bengal and Srikakulam, Vijayanagaram & Visakhapatnam Districts of Andhra Pradesh Coasts: Yellow Message

The Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm 'FANI' (pronounced as 'FONI') over Westcentral & adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal, moved northwards with a speed of about 14 kmph in last six hours and lay centred at 0830 hrs IST of 01st May, 2019 over Westcentral Bay of Bengal near latitude 14.1°N and longitude 83.9°E, about 660 km south-southwest of Puri (Odisha) and 400 km south-southeast of Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh). It is very likely to move northwards during next 12 hours and thereafter recurve north-northeastwards and cross Odisha Coast between Gopalpur and Chandbali, around Puri during 3rd May afternoon with maximum sustained wind of speed 170-180 kmph gusting to 200 kmph.

North Andhra Pradesh: Rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall and extremely heavy falls (>20 cm) at isolated places very likely over north coastal Andhra Pradesh (Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Vijayanagaram Districts) on 2nd May and with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 3rd May over same area.

Odisha: Rainfall at many places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places very likely over south coastal Odisha on 2nd It is likely to increase with rainfall at most places and heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places with extremely heavy falls (>20 cm) at isolated places over coastal Odisha & interior Odisha on 3rd and rainfall at many places with heavy to very heavy

falls at isolated places over north Odisha on 4th May.

West Bengal: Rainfall at most places with heavy falls at isolated places very likely over coastal & adjoining districts of West Bengal on 3rd and heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places with extremely heavy falls at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal and heavy at isolated places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim on 4th

Arunachal Pradesh and Assam & Meghalaya: Rainfall at most places with isolated heavy falls very likely over Arunachal Pradesh and Assam & Meghalaya on 4th and 5th

Gale wind speed reaching 180-190 kmph gusting to 210 kmph is prevailing over westcentral Bay of Bengal, off north Tamilnadu, Puducherry and south Andhra Pradesh Coast during next 24 hours and decrease thereafter.

Strong wind speed reaching 30-40 kmph gusting to 50 kmph very likely along & off Tamilnadu coast, Comorin area, Gulf of Mannar and Kerala during next 12 hours.

Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is very likely to commence along & off north Andhra Pradesh & Odisha Coasts from 2nd May and very likely to become gale wind speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 85 kmph from 3rd May morning and become 170-180 kmph gusting to 200 kmph over Odisha Coast and 90-100 kmph gusting to 115 kmph over adjoining districts of north Andhra Pradesh (Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Vijayanagaram Districts) by 3rd May and subsequent 12 hours and significant decrease thereafter.

Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is very likely along & off West Bengal coast on 2nd It would

become gale wind speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 85 kmph from 3rd May evening and become 90-100 kmph gusting to 115 kmph from 4th May early morning for subsequent 12 hours and decrease thereafter.

The sea condition is phenomenal over westcentral Bay of Bengal, off north Tamilnadu, Puducherry and south Andhra Pradesh Coasts during 01-03 May 2019 and over Northwest Bay of Bengal during 02-04 May.

Sea conditions very likely to be very rough to high along & off north Andhra Pradesh Coasts during 01-03 May and high to phenomenal along & off Odisha and West Bengal Coasts during 02-04 May.

Storm surge of about 1.5 meter height above astronomical tide is very likely to inundate low lying areas of Ganjam, Khurda, Puri & Jagatsinghpur Districts of Odisha at the time of landfall.

The fishermen are advised not to venture into deep sea areas of Southwest & adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal during next 12 hours: Southwest & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal, along & off Puducherry, north Tamilnadu & south Andhra Pradesh coasts till 1st May; westcentral Bay of Bengal, along & off north Andhra Pradesh Coast during 1-3 May and northwest & adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal along & off Odisha and West Bengal coasts from 2-4 May.

Those, who are out in deep sea above areas are advised to return to the coasts.

(a) Damage Expected and Action suggested for Ganjam, Gajapati, Khurda, Puri, Jagatsinghpur districts of Odisha.

(i) Extensive damage to all types of kutcha houses, some damage to old badly managed Pucca structures. Potential threat from flying objects. (ii) Extensive

uprooting of communication and power poles. (iii) Disruption of rail/road link at several places. (iv) Extensive damage to standing crops, plantations, orchards. (v) Blowing down of Palm and coconut trees. (vi) Uprooting of large bushy trees. (vii) Large boats and ships may get torn from their moorings.

(i) Total suspension of fishing operations. (ii) Extensive evacuation from coastal areas. (iii) Diversion or suspension of rail and road traffic. (iv) People in affected areas to remain indoors. (v) Movement in motor boats and small ships not advisable.

(b) Damage Expected and action suggested for Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Balasore districts of Odisha and east & west Medinipur, south & north 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hoogli, Kolkata districts of West Bengal and Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Vijayanagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh (i) Total destruction of thatched houses/ extensive damage to kutcha houses. Some damage to pucca houses. Potential threat from flying objects. (ii) Bending/ uprooting of power and communication poles. (iii) Major damage to Kutcha and Pucca roads. Flooding of escape routes. Minor disruption of railways, overhead powerlines and signalling systems. (iv) Widespread damage to standing crops, plantations, orchards, falling of green coconuts and tearing of palm fronds. Blowing down of bushy trees like mango. (v) Small boats, country crafts may get detached from moorings. (vi) Visibility severely affected. (i) Total suspension of fishing operations. Mobilise evacuation from coastal areas. (ii) Judicious regulation of rail and road traffic. (iii) People in affected areas to remain indoors. (iv) Movement in motor boats and small ships unsafe.

UHNWIs expected to increase investment allocation in Gold in 2019: Knight Frank Report

Ahmedabad: According to the Attitude Survey conducted by Knight Frank, 14% of Indian ultra-high networth individuals (UHNWIs) are likely to increase their investment to Gold asset class in 2019, 3% higher compared to the year 2018.

"Globally, bullion led by gold has always been considered a safe investment and in countries with cultural affinity towards the yellow metal, we are seeing a renewal of interest in remaining investment in this asset class. Like all investments gold also witnesses volatility but has remained largely stable with an upward bias for long periods of time. While India is one of the largest consumers of gold, it has usually been in the form of ornaments for retail purpose. However, in recent times, we have seen investors purchase gold and bonds and expect the trend to grow further. With the optimistic outlook towards

investments in the asset class, on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, we expect a number ultra-rich in India to purchase gold both for investment and consumption purpose." Says Balbirsingh Khalsa, National Director IAS and Branch Director - Ahmedabad, Knight Frank India.

Globally, 20% of survey respondents said that they are going to increase allocation to Gold in 2019, a higher percentage when compared with 11% citing to have increased allocation in 2018. The positive attitude of UHNWIs towards investments in the asset class has also gone up in Asia with 25% expecting an increase when compared to 19% who cited an increase in allocation in 2019. Knight Frank conducted the survey to map the investment sentiment of UHNWIs towards Gold as an asset class in 2019. (19-10)

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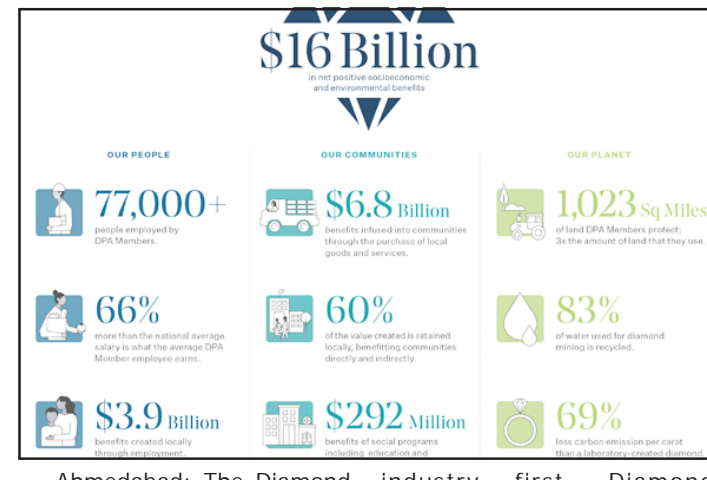
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Report on the Reality of Modern Diamond Mining Reveals



Ahmedabad: The Diamond Producers Association (DPA), a global alliance of the leading diamond mining companies, which represents 75% of the world's diamond production, today released its first independent research report on Members' impact on local communities, employees and the environment. Thereafter, authored by Trucost and titled 'The Socioeconomic and Environmental Impact of Large-Scale Diamond Mining', is the world's first comprehensive analysis of the contributions of DPA Members, examining socioeconomic and environmental benefits and impacts. "This report marks an

industry first. Diamond producing companies representing three quarters of the world's production have come together to provide a window into the impacts and benefits of their activities on the communities and environments in which they operate," said Jean-Marc Lieberherr, Diamond Producers Association CEO. "This independent research report breaks outdated stereotypes and misconceptions and identifies the next set of challenges that must be met to continue to evolve and improve as an industry. It also provides a baseline for industry participants and observers to track future progress." (19-10)

Indian Coast Guard Efforts for Cyclone 'FANI'

New Delhi: Indian Coast Guard (ICG) initiated series of pre-emptive measures from first sign of weather disturbance in Bay of Bengal on Apr 23, 2019 and implemented lessons learnt from Cyclone Ockhi to ensure safety of lives at sea. Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm Fani is presently 260 nautical miles SE of Vishakhapatnam and likely to intensify further and cross Odisha coast between Gopalpur and Chandbali to the south of Puri around May 03, 2019.

Consequent to formation of low pressure in south East Bay of Bengal around April 23, 2019, Indian Coast Guard initiated series of pre-emptive measures to prevent loss of fishermen lives. ICG formations were put on high alert and high state of preparedness. Fisheries Authorities, State Authorities and local administration were warned since April 23, 2019 onwards for precautionary measures. Close liaison is being maintained with the State Administration, various departments and Indian Meteorological Department to ensure wide spread precautionary measures in the affected areas. Indian Coast Guard Remote Operating Stations located in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal are issuing Security/ Safety messages on radio in Vernacular languages.

Indian Coast Guard ships and aircraft were deployed along the East coast since April 24, 2019 for issuance of advisories and warnings in vernacular languages to fishermen at sea and for their safe return to ports. International Safety Net (ISN) was activated on April 24, 2019



in the Bay of Bengal by Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (Chennai/ Mumbai) requesting transiting Merchant vessels to advise and warn fishermen to return harbour/ take shelter at nearest fishing harbour and render assistance, if required and is continuing since then.

Transmission of Navigational Telex (NAVTEX) warnings commenced on April 24, 2019. Preparedness meetings were conducted by Chief Secretaries at Chennai on April 24, 2019 and Kolkata on April 30, 2019. The meetings were attended by ICG representatives.

Deployment of ICG Surface and Air Assets- Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry coast - nine ships, Odisha and

West Bengal - five ships, Indian Coast Guard Ships have been kept standby for mobilization of Disaster Relief Material in coordination with State Authorities at Chennai and Vizag. Four Dornier sorties are being launched every day on an average for alerting fishing boats from Chennai, Bhubaneswar and Kolkata.

Safety of Fishing Boats- ICG coordinated with Fisheries Authorities of respective states and confirmed that no fishing boats are presently operating at sea. Additionally ICG ships and aircraft deployed at sea are also keeping lookout for warning/ shepherding of fishing boats if sighted/located at sea.

Special Community Interaction programmes at 12 places were conducted at Tuticorin, Pamban, Villupuram, Chennai, Krishnapatnam, Nizampatnam, Visakhapatnam, Uppalanaka (Kakinada), Paradip, Haldia, Gopalpur and Frazergunj for fishermen and coastal populace for undertaking safety measures.

GST Revenue collection for April, 2019 recorded highest collection since GST implementation

New Delhi: The total gross GST revenue collected in the month of April, 2019 is Rs 1,13,865 crore of which CGST is Rs 21,163 crore, SGST is Rs 28,801 crore, IGST is Rs 54,733 crore (including Rs 23,289 crore collected on imports) and Cess is Rs 9,168 crore (including Rs 1,053 crore collected on imports). The total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed for the month of March up to 30th April,

2019 is 72.13 lakh.

2. The government has settled Rs 20,370 crore to CGST and Rs 15,975 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. Further, Rs 12,000 crore has been settled from the balance IGST available with the Centre on provisional basis in the ratio of 50:50 between Centre and States. The total revenue earned by Central Government and the State Governments after regular

and provisional settlement in the month of April, 2019 is Rs 47,533 crore for CGST and Rs 50,776 crore for the SGST.

3. The revenue in April, 2018 was Rs 1,03,459 crore and the revenue during April, 2019 is a growth of 10.05% over the revenue in the same month last year. The revenue in April, 2019 is 16.05% higher than the monthly average of GST revenue in FY 2018-19 (Rs 98,114 crore).

